

# SPORTS NEWS

## 4 BOXING CROWNS ARE LOST IN 1922

Defeat of Georges Carpentier by Battling Siki is Year's Biggest Sensation. Buff is Twice Dethroned.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) Four champions were separated from their titles during a rather tempestuous year in boxing, Johnny Buff being a victim of two major operations. The reigning champion, however, was the stunning knockout of Georges Carpentier by Battling Siki, a half-savage from Senegal, in a bout for the world's light heavyweight championship. The so-called "orchid man" was a total shot before the bout, but Siki led all the way after the second round and scored a clean knockout in the sixth.

Reverses and counter-reverses were aired after the affair, each accusing the other of foul tactics. Only a short time ago the Senegalese was pummeled and deprived of his title by the French authorities for unbecoming conduct, gave out a statement to the effect that the bout was framed. The question of a return fight is being considered.

This was only one of many bouts in which for intemperate handlings. A case in point was the Mickey Walker-Jack Britton fight, in which the welterweight title changed hands. Britton was an odds-on favorite until a short time before the men entered the ring, when the betting shifted suddenly to Walker.

Because of this the New York State athletic association called off a unprecedented action so far as boxing pugilism is concerned. Walker easily earned the decision, but Britton all over the ring during the last nine rounds. At the start of the year Buff was the proud owner of the world's bantamweight and the American flyweight titles, and at the end he was neither. Joe Lynch, deprived of the bantamweight belt by scoring a knockout in the thirteenth round, and a little brown man from the rice paddies of the Philippines subsequently came along to dethrone Buff for the long count in the tenth round, thus acquiring the flyweight title. This little brown man was Pancho Villa, unknown and unnamed twelve months before.

Another dethroned champion was Gene Tunney. In an unopposed moment Gene allowed himself to be inveigled into a match with Harry Greb, with the American light heavyweight title at stake and Greb hailed his way to an easy victory at the end of fifteen rounds. At the end Tunney's face had been returned to human hamburger.

Jack Dempsey signed an agreement to meet Harry Wille for the heavyweight title, at the instance of the New York state athletic commission, but nothing has come of it. The commission had set a precedent in this respect by suspending Johnny Kilbane and Johnny Wilson for failure to accept challenges for their respective featherweight and middleweight titles. Both championships were declared vacant, but this decision was not accepted in other states.

Benny Leonard had his most active year since falling heir to the lightweight crown. This he defended successfully against Rocky Kansas, Ever Hammer and Lew Tindler, the last named collaborating in the greatest lightweight attraction since Gene first met Nelson. At the end of twelve non-decision rounds Leonard was awarded the unofficial verdict by a great majority of the critics, although Tindler had the champion in distress in the eighth round. A crowd of nearly 30,000 witnessed the bout, the greatest turnout since the memorable affair between Dempsey and Carpentier.

**HERMITS DEFEAT EAST CHICAGO CLUB**

The Hermits club bowling team traveled to East Chicago last evening to compete with the bowling team of the East Chicago club on the Lyric alley, the Hammond club winning out victorious.

After the bowling games the Hammond club were entertained by the East Chicago club in their club house.

A return engagement at Hammond will be arranged within the next few weeks.

## Big Crowds and More Enthusiasm Indicate Popularity of Sport

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT J. M. SERVICE) The invisible mason has laid another block upon the towering edifice of sports' big game, and the year A. D. 1922 in athletics has settled firmly in its appointed place, a monument in itself to healthful, sound development. It was a great year in athletics. All athletic years are great. We do not seem to have any other kind nowadays.

Progressively, the years mount one upon another, ever increasing in importance and significance, so much so, in fact, that a building inspector would be horrified. The super-structure has outgrown the foundation.

His concern would not be justified, however. Unlike other structures, the edifice of sport is stronger for the fact that it grows in the weight of importance as it mounts upward.

Athletics during 1922 were conducted on a sounder basis than ever before and enjoyed by a constantly expanding army of devotees. A crowd of 20,000 was a conventionality. At the Harvard-Yale football game 30,000 were in the stands, and easily that number witnessed the Leonard-Tindler bout for the light-heavyweight title.

## TILDEN RETURNS TO NET WITH OLD SKILL

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 30.—Greatly surprised and pleased, William T. Tilden yesterday played the first tennis in which he has engaged since the amputations of portions of the middle finger on his playing hand. He took part in a short workout at Second Regiment armory in preparation for his exhibition matches in Chicago on Jan. 5 and 6.

The surprise was occasioned by the fact that he was able to play as well against Carl Fischer and Sandy Wiener. "I feel greatly encouraged after my first tryout," Tilden declared. "I can grip my racket far better and hit with much more power and precision than I believed I could be doing by spring. Of course, it is going to take several weeks of practice for me to determine exactly how much of my former stuff I will be able to regain."

Tilden's finger has healed far more rapidly than either he or the attending physicians believed possible. His famous backhand zipped an inch above the net into his opponent's court.

At first Tilden was worried because he was not able to get over his terrific sweeping forehand drive. After a time he discovered it was not because of the loss of a part of his finger, but because he had developed a blister on his hand.

## HIRAM JOHNSON'S SON WILL REFEREE MORAN BOUT IN PARIS TODAY

PARIS, Dec. 30.—McNeal Johnson of California, tonight was accepted as referee for the Moran-Nilles bout tomorrow. Mr. Johnson and his wife are here in association with A. Kingsley Macomber of Los Angeles in picking up a string of racehorses for a revival of racing in California. Nilles is a favorite by 6 to 5 in the betting, with little Moran money in sight. Americans are fearful that Frank is too old, but opinion is that Nilles is chicken hearted.

## Our Fight Decisions

Decisions of boxing representatives are:

At New York—Pancho Villa beat Terry Martin (15). Babe Herman beat Hughie Hutchinson (12). At Milwaukee—Johnny Dundee beat Tommy O'Brien (10). Jack Zwick knocked out Tommy Neary (6). Harry Kahn knocked out Al Laflamme (3). Billy Punch beat Eddie Jones (4).

At New Orleans—Johnny Reteler and Joe Matrauga fought draw (15). Al Pettinelli beat Monk Kelly (6). Sam Pizzotello beat Charles Rodriguez (6).

At Superior, Wn.—Red Blanchard and Artie Shiers, draw (10). Johnny Strike knocked out Jimmy O'Connell (1). Dago Joe Gans knocked out Billy Heinrichs (3).

## DUNDEE BEATS OBRIEN IN BOUT

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin Dec. 30.—Johnny Dundee, behaving like a jumping jack, and Tommy O'Brien, acting like a drunken tailor, danced, hopped, skipped and jumped hitting

## PRACTICES DR. COUE'S STUFF NOW

(BY LARRY GEORGE) "Day by day in every way I am getting better and better."

Old Doc Coue, back in his library at France, where he invented the auto-suggestion stuff of his, gave J. E. Hart, manager of the fast East Chicago club quiplet, a cute "ill phrase" to sing to himself.

And this because Hart, as a manager, has arranged a schedule for his popular five which has not seen its equal here in East Chicago in the entire history of the local sport.

The famous Rockford Tom Cats, one of the wildest known basketball organizations in the entire country, is the chief luminary to grace Hart's list of big time catches.

Then comes the greatly feared South Bend Y. M. C. A. representation. This outfit, South Bend tells us, is in the main, the same which traveled under the colors of the Indianapolis Y. M. C. A. last season and finished a heated third in the A. A. U. championship finals at Kansas City.

Another red feather in Hart's managerial cap in the line of spicy preliminary attractions, is the consummation of a meeting between the famous Bett girls and the Blue Island lassies.

This argument will be a decided novelty to the East Chicago fandom and will gratify their long lived desire to lamp the shriller sex in action on the black striped court of the McKinley gym.

Other schedulings to which Hart "points with pride" are a tussle at Batavia, Ill. with that burg's fastest cager, then a few home bills in which the Independence Park Blues, the Chicago Forges, the LaPorte Y. M. C. A. and the Harvard Marvells are featured.

After these affairs, Hart hopes to swing away on a protracted road junket in order to get a whack at some of the shining lights of the professional sport, who refuse to travel here unless they are insured a guarantee on gold bond securities that would make Col. Riley himself blink at its magnitude.

In this category are listed the Milwaukee Bright Spots, the Davenport, Iowa, Schleickers, and, possibly the Detroit Rapid.

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And the men at the guiding end of the team realize that they only require a victory over East Chicago's fast five in order to climb back into the limelight of popular favor again.

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each other now and then, for a morsy whirl of ten rounds before a house of 6000 booping fans here tonight.

## VILLA WINS OVER MARTIN IN FAST BOUT AT GOTHAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Pancho Villa, the flyweight champion of America, earned a decision over Terry Martin of Providence, R. I., at the end of fifteen rounds in Madison Square Garden last night. Villa ripped and tore at Martin with a sustained attack which almost swept the Rhode Islander out of the ring. In eagerness for a knockout, Pancho misused many a desperate try for a finishing punch.

In the second round Villa jarred Martin with a left hook to the chin, but Terry was up in an instant after going down with one glove on the floor. The Italian showed plenty of good fighting grit, but his punches did not seem to carry much sting. He landed often enough.

In the fourth round Martin sent home some clever shots to Pancho's face and in the tenth and twelfth he again held his own. The rest were Villa's.

When the officials gave the Filipino the verdict there was a roar of disapproval from many sections of the house, but the verdict was a just one. Fully 12,000 fans attended. Villa weighed 111 and 115½. Pasty Haley refereed.

## Bodies of 400 Chinese Are Shipped to China

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) BOSTON, January.—Chinese who died as long ago as 1889 are interred among the 400 whose remains were shipped to China from this port aboard the steamer Ketchikan recently.

The corpses are in zinc caskets.

## PREACHER NABS CHURCH WINE PILFERER

(By International News Service) SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 14.—William Clark, thirty-three, of this city, helped himself to a gallon of wine from the sacristy of Trinity Episcopal Church here.

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## THREE YEARS AGO MANAGERS COULDN'T SEE JOHNNY GOOCH; NOW HE'S STAR



"Johnny Gooch himself, not a moving picture."

In the spring of 1920 Scout Jack McAllister of the Cleveland Indians tried to get Johnny Gooch, New Orleans lad, a job as warm-up pitcher with the Indians. Manager Speaker was overburdened with youngsters, to passed up John. When Manager Dobbie of the New Orleans team was tipped off to the lad he also turned him down. Gooch finally played independent ball. Birmingham saw him and grabbed him. The Pirates nabbed him last year and he proceeded to catch more than half that team's games in great style.

each four caskets being encased in a wooden packing case marked with Chinese characters. The 100 wooden boxes represent New England Chinese of varying degrees of wealth who have died during the period from 1889 to 1918.

## STANFORD, PITT CLASH TODAY ON HEAVY GRID

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 30.—The University of Pittsburgh eleven coached by Glen "Pop" Warner, one of the most able mentors in the game, and Leland Stanford, finished practice yesterday for the great inter-sectional struggle to be held at Palo Alto this afternoon. Both teams engaged in light workouts on a water soaked gridiron.

Indications are the game will be decided on a slow field. It rained part of the day, but toward evening the rain had stopped and was fine. If the field is slow, neither will have a decided advantage unless it be Pittsburgh. Such conditions will give the Panthers a better chance to gain ground with straight plays and especially those in which Full Back Hewitt carries the oval.

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## GIRLS NEED ATHLETIC TRAINING MORE THAN BOYS, EDUCATOR SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Girls need athletic training even more than boys, and public school officials realize this, Daniel Chase New York state supervisor of physical training, told delegates to the sixteenth annual meeting of the Athletic Research society yesterday.

"There should be teams suited to the age and sex and adapted to the physical capacities of the various types of pupils," he said. "The lessons of sportsmanship, self-control and group loyalty must be taught girls who are to bear really the burdens of citizenship if our democracy is to endure and our civilization continue to advance."

The organization elected Mr. Chase, president, and Dr. C. W. Savage, Oberlin college, vice-president.

playing every week as formerly arranged.

With the association house rede game proving a dud, it will be three weeks before the local fans will have another opportunity to watch the club in action again.

This long spell will make the Twin City fans impatient for another home battle. And when it does come, it is our prediction that the McKinley sym will be filled to an overflow.

## Headlock on Boxing Wife Costs Baptiste \$10,000 and Decree

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 29.—Mrs. George Baptiste, wife of the former middleweight wrestling championship claimant, today obtained a divorce with \$10,000 costs alimony. She alleges cruelty, charging Baptiste used the "headlock" and "armlock" on her. Baptiste countered by saying his wife was a bover of no mean ability, and that he did nothing more than protect himself. The Baptistes were married in Springfield, Ill., in July, 1914.

## E. C. CLUB TO LAY OFF THIS WEEK

(By LARRY GEORGE) The fast going East Chicago club quintet is scheduled for a couple of weeks' lay-off. At least, that is the latest news which manager Hart breezes us.

Owing to the holiday vacation of "Big" Coach Smith, who plays the pivot post for the club, and who is about next to the whole show here in East Chicago, Hart decided that it was best to hold over until Smith comes back.

Then Hart promises the basketball bugs in this region a flock of games which, he says, are arranged with an eye to the sensational.

This layoff stuff is bad business for the players, but a good thing for the public. It is tough for the players because it gives them too much of a chance to go stale with inactivity.

On the other hand, it is certain to produce a greater attendance among the fans when they do start playing again than if they had been



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## Greetings

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